

Title (en)

Rapid differentiation of bacteria using cyclic polypeptide antibiotics.

Title (de)

Schnelle Differenzierung der Bakterien unter Verwendung von zyklischen Polypeptid-Antibiotika.

Title (fr)

Différenciation rapide de bactéries en utilisant les antibiotiques polypeptides cycliques.

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Abstract (en)

Rapid differentiation between viable gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria is accomplished with certain polypeptide antibiotics which are used in combination with a compound which is normally reducible by the bacteria. The antibiotics selectively inhibit the reduction of the reducible compound by gram-positive bacteria but do not substantially affect the reducing capacity of the gram-negative bacteria. The particular antibiotics useful are cyclic polypeptides which affect the function of the cytoplasmic membrane of bacteria. A particular polypeptide antibiotic, polymixin B, will distinguish Proteus bacteria from other gram-negative genera.

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